

into higher education and became a professor myself, I began to appreciate even more the quality of Miami University as well as the quality of their faculty and their curriculum. So I am pleased to join everyone here in giving accolades to Miami University.

Surviving for 200 years as a university of that stature, with strong emphasis on academic studies and background, is not an easy task for a university, and very few American universities have achieved that other than those along the east coast. So I am very pleased to congratulate Miami on their 200th anniversary, and wish them very well for the next 100 or 200 years as well. If every university in this Nation were as dedicated to academic learning as Miami University, this would be an even more wonderful Nation than it is. I am pleased to support this resolution.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KILROY) for 2 minutes.

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, I also rise to congratulate Miami University on this occasion of its 200th anniversary.

Miami University is often referred to as the Harvard of the Midwest. We think of it as our "public school Ivy." It is a public university that provides a world-class education to students from Ohio, around our country, and around the world. Miami University is an outstanding example of the kind of value that public institutions can provide, the strength of our public education system, and our public university system in Ohio.

I hope that all of us in this Chamber will recognize the strength of the programs at Miami University and the value of institutions like Miami to the strength of our democracy.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to rise today in support of House Resolution 128, honoring Miami University of Ohio on its bicentennial. This is a very agreeable discovery for me. I am a confirmed Orthodox Bruin, myself, but to discover the enormous contributions that Miami University has made to the Nation.

Its founding on February 17, 1809, marks its contributions to our Nation, developing into an institution with three campuses, over 20,000 students, and a rich history. The school is not only the 10th oldest public institution; it has the oldest school newspaper in America. Miami offers over 100 different areas of undergraduate study and over 50 areas of study for graduate work. This is the birthplace of the McGuffey's Readers. It produced a level of literacy unsurpassed in this Nation before or since. BusinessWeek magazine ranked Miami's Farmer School of Business as eighth among business schools found at public universities. Miami University was also named one of the best values in public colleges by Kiplinger's magazine this year. And of

particular interest, I suspect, to this institution is the fact that Miami University has produced one President of the United States, seven United States Senators, 26 United States Congressmen, two of whom we have heard from today, a Speaker of the House, and six Governors.

I think we can learn a great deal from Miami University, which is annually cited as being one of the Nation's best values among public universities, "offering an education comparable to that of Ivy League universities at a fraction of the price." So says The Ivy Leaguers.

We need to deliver, I believe, the same value to American families, who are going to be paying for a lot of the spending bills we are currently considering, as Miami University has given to its alumni. I would encourage my colleagues to vote for this resolution.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 128 "Expressing the importance of honoring Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to extraordinary higher education." Miami University has served its community and this nation for two centuries. The contributions continue to mount as the doors of this illustrious institution of higher education remain open.

Founded in 1809, Miami University was built on a commitment to liberal arts undergraduate education and the active engagement of its students in both curricular and civic life. Named for the Miami Indian Tribe that inhabited the area, Miami University opened its doors to 20 students in 1824 to provide the opportunity for students to develop and grow to become great members of society. It is deeply committed to student success, builds great student and alumni loyalty, and empowers its students, faculty, and staff to become engaged citizens who use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our global community.

Miami University is comprised of a scholarly community whose members believe that a liberal education is grounded in qualities of character as well as of intellect. The University's culture respects the dignity of other persons, the rights and property of others, and the right of others to hold and express disparate beliefs.

Miami University believes in honesty, integrity, and the importance of moral conduct. It defends the freedom of inquiry that is the heart of learning and combines that freedom with the exercise of judgment and the acceptance of personal responsibility.

Miami University provides the opportunities of a major university while offering the personalized attention found in the best small colleges. It values teaching and intense engagement of faculty with students through its teacher-scholar model, by inviting students into the excitement of research and discovery. Miami University's faculty is comprised of nationally prominent scholars and artists who contribute to Miami University, their own disciplines and to society. The University supports students in a residential experience on the Oxford campus and provides access to students, including those who are time and place bound, on its regional campuses.

Miami University provides a strong foundation in the traditional liberal arts for all stu-

dents, and it offers nationally recognized majors in arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, and fine arts, as well as select graduate programs. As an inclusive community, Miami University strives to cultivate an environment where diversity and difference are appreciated and respected.

Miami University has a distinctive role among the nation's 3,500 colleges and universities in the way it successfully blends teaching and scholarship. Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding public undergraduate institutions, Miami University gives undergraduates many opportunities to work with senior faculty on research projects and to participate in strong international programs. Miami University also has selective graduate programs in areas of special strength. It has never lost sight of its focus on intellectual development. Retention and graduation rates are some of the highest in NCAA Division I schools.

More than 180,000 proud Miami University alumni are located around the globe, serving as professional and community leaders. Miami University instills in its students intellectual depth and curiosity, the importance of personal values as a measure of character, and a commitment to life-long learning. Miami University emphasizes critical thinking and independent thought, an appreciation of diverse views, and a sense of responsibility to our global future and more importantly the responsibility of making positive contributions to society.

As Miami University marks its 200th anniversary, we celebrate and embrace the long and proud tradition of fulfilling its public mission: to contribute to a better future through the students it educates, the scholarships and creativity it produces and the services it provides to the local communities and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution honoring the importance of Miami University on the occasion of its 200 year commitment to higher education.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to extraordinary higher education. There are 9 Miami graduates currently working for me, so I can tell you firsthand how well educated Miami students are. Miami is a student-centered university deeply committed to student success, building great student and alumni loyalty, and empowering its students, faculty, and staff to become engaged citizens who use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our society. Miami University is the 10th oldest public university in the nation, and is located in my district in Oxford, Ohio.

Poet Laureate Robert Frost once referred to Miami as "the most beautiful college there is." In addition to distinctions for the campus' beauty and first-rate facilities, Miami University is cited annually by national college rankings as being one of the nation's best values among public universities. According to Business Week magazine, Miami's Farmer School of Business is ranked among the nation's top 5 percent of undergraduate business programs, ranking 8th among public universities and colleges. Miami is also named as one of the "Public Ivies," offering "an education comparable to that at Ivy League universities at a fraction of the price." Miami provides the opportunities of a major university while offering the personalized attention found in the best small colleges.